

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory Number: ~~4058~~ CH-987

Address: 8600 Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of Bel Air

Owner: Jenkins, Lawrence G et al

Tax Parcel Number: 147 Tax Map Number: 55

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

8600 Crain Highway is a one-and-one-half-story, three-bay wide dwelling. The house is covered by a side gable, standing seam metal roof. A shed roof extension projects out from the rear of the house. The central entry is flanked by single, 6/6, double-hung, wood sash windows. A front gable roof dormer pierces the roof above a make-shift portico that marks the entrance.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

  
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related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1930, this Colonial Revival-style house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the modest residential development along U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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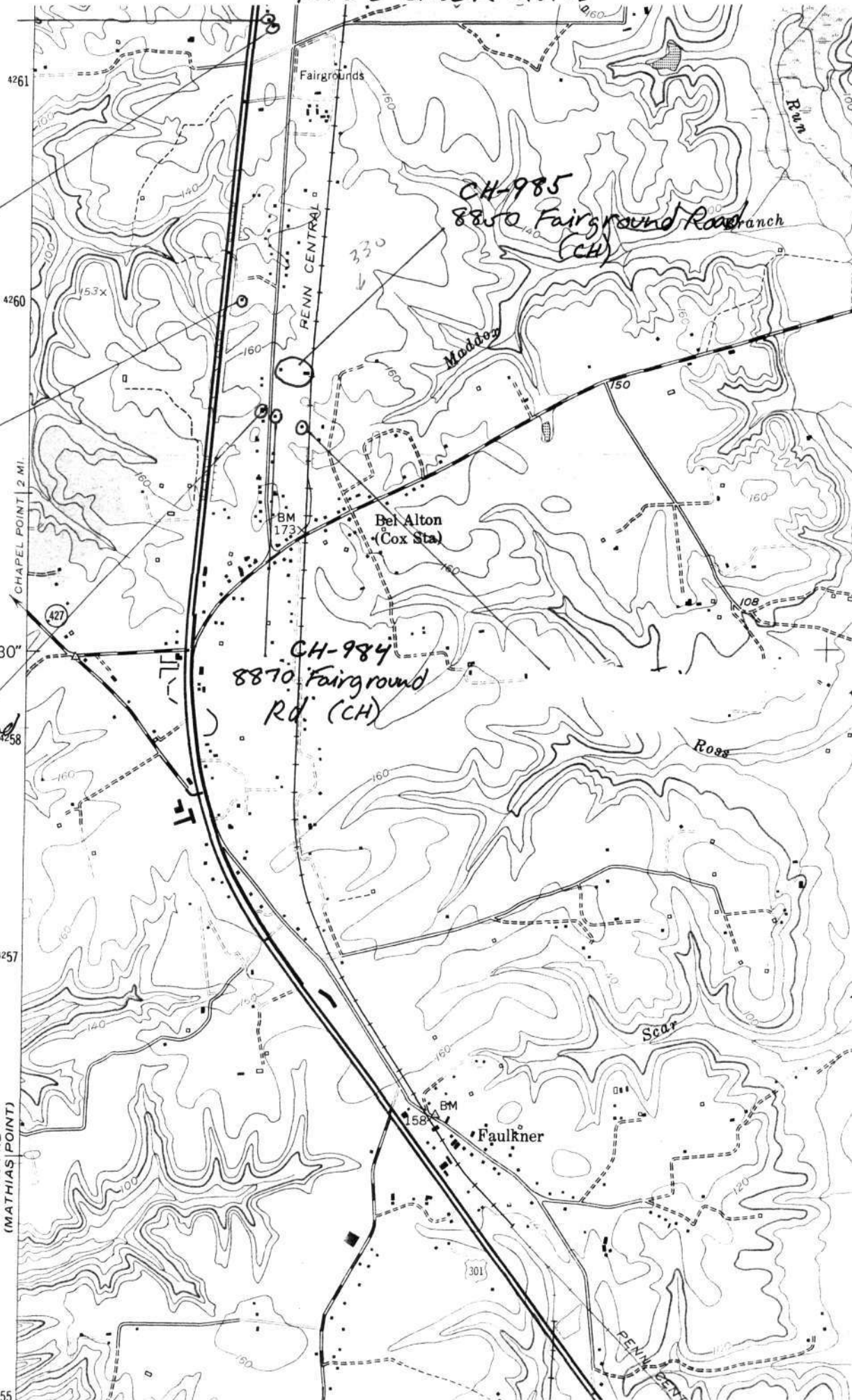
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CHAPEL POINT VILLES

POPE'S CREEK QUAD



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View looking northeast

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